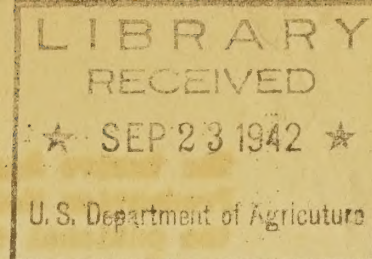


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FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE REGIONAL LABOR SUPPLY COMMITTEES



As indicated in the Secretary's Memorandum No. 820, Supplement 5, the Departmental representatives on the Regional Labor Supply Committees "will be charged with the dual responsibility of acting in a liaison capacity between State Farm Labor Subcommittees and appropriate Regional Labor Supply Committees and as liaison officers between Regional Labor Supply Committees and the U. S. Department of Agriculture."

In the first of these capacities it is intended that these representatives will be of every service possible to both the State Agricultural Planning Committees and their Farm Labor Subcommittees on the one hand, and the Regional Labor Supply Committees on the other. In order to perform this function each representative will need accurate knowledge of the labor situation in the States serviced by him. To obtain this information and to keep current as to changing conditions, he will probably want to advise with the State Extension Director, the State representative of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the State statistician of the Agricultural Marketing Service, and perhaps, as appropriate, the Agricultural Planning Committees or Farm Labor Subcommittees, and others. Some problems which those in the State feel should be called to the attention of the Regional Labor Supply Committee can be so handled by this representative, and he will, no doubt, want to advise those in the State of the plans being formulated by the Regional Labor Supply Committee and the ways in which these plans would affect the labor situation in each State. In performing these functions, the representative will be in the position of seeking pertinent factual information or relaying such information and will not be acting in an administrative capacity.

In performing this first function, the Department's representative on the Regional Labor Supply Committee will be in a strategic position to keep the Department representative on the National Labor Supply Committee informed of the labor problems in the States of his region with particular reference to agriculture's labor problems. This is the second major function which he is to perform.

The National Labor Supply Committee of the Office of Production Management has been established to assemble and analyze facts relating to labor supply problems in all fields of defense production and to guide the activities of the various governmental units associated with the recruitment, training, and placement of workers for the defense program, of which Agriculture is a part. Among agencies interested in the over-all labor supply problems and represented on the National Labor Supply Committee are the U. S. Employment Service, the Selective Service, the Department of Agriculture, the War and Navy Departments, and similar groups. A member of the staff of the Office of Agricultural Defense Relations represents the Department on this national committee.

The twelve Regional Labor Supply Committees, established by the Office of Production Management, have a membership closely approximating that of the national committee. The major objective of these Regional Labor Supply Committees is collective action for the most effective recruitment, training, and placement of laborers in order to supply workers of the skill and at the time and place required for best operation of defense industries. Agriculture is, of course, one of these defense industries and should have representation on the Regional Committees in order that agriculture may participate in the plans and policies that are developed.

The regions established for these Labor Supply Committees are those of the Social Security Board which administers the U. S. Employment Service. In no case do they coincide with any of the regions used by the various agencies of the Department of Agriculture. The Department's representatives were selected from the Farm Security Administration and two divisions of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, each of which is doing some work in the farm labor field. In most instances, each representative will function in some States which are included in the Social Security Board region but which are not within the territory served by the representative in his other capacities.

The Department of Agriculture representatives on these regional committees are as follows:

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>States covered</u>
Basil E. Gilbert, State BAE Representative	Post Office Box 31, Rhode Island State College, Kingston, R. I.	I Boston	Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island
George B. Robinson, State BAE Representative	Room 427, Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.	II New York	New York
W. S. Middaugh, Regional BAE Representative	217 Center Building, Upper Darby, Pa.	III Philadelphia	Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware
Fred H. Drayer, Labor Relations Specialist, Farm Security Administration	Patterson Hall, State College Campus, Raleigh, N. C.	IV Washington	Maryland, West Virginia Virginia North Carolina
Paul M. Barrett, State BAE Representative	426 Agricultural Building, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.	V Cleveland	Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>States covered</u>
Gladwin E. Young, Regional BAE Representative	4650 North Port Wash- ington Road, Milwaukee, Wisc.	VI	Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana
Tom Elder, Labor Relations Specialist, Farm Security Adminis- tration	Farm Security Building, Montgomery, Ala.	VII Birmingham	Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida
Donald G. Hay, Regional Repre- sentative, Division of Farm Population and Rural Welfare, BAE	900 North 16th Street, Lincoln, Nebr.	VIII Minneapolis	Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska
Ross J. Silkett, State BAE Representative	319 Mumford Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.	IX Kansas City	Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas
B. J. Walker, Labor Relations Specialist, Farm Security Admin- istration	Administration Building, State Fair Park, Dallas, Tex.	X San Antonio	Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico
C. E. Hazard, Labor Relations Specialist, Farm Security Admin- istration	1025 - 14th Street, Denver, Colo.	XI Denver	Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Arizona
Varden Fuller, Acting Representa- tive, Division of Farm Population and Rural Welfare, BAE	222 Mercantile Building, Berkeley, Calif.	XII San Francisco	California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

